

takings and other institutions for setting up power projects

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

Development of Minerals by Private Parties

6200. PROF. ASHOK ANANDRAO
DESHMUKH:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:
SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI:

Will the Minister of MINES be please to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up units for promoting mineral industry in private sector; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof, item-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b). As per the Industrial Policy Statement 1991, processing of minerals is not reserved for the public sector. Hence private entrepreneurs and private sector companies can set up mineral processing industries. There is no proposal to set up units for promoting Mineral industry in the private sector. State Sector promotional and financial institutions and all-India financial institutions offer assistance to the private sector for setting up viable mineral based industries.

World Bank Assistance for Tube-Wells in A.P. and Rajasthan

6201. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL
KATHERIA:
SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA
KAUR (DEEPA):

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the World Bank for installation of tube-wells in Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan especially in Bharatpur district;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of assistance provided by the World Bank to Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan, respectively;

(d) the number of public tube-wells installed thereby in Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan during 1989-90 and 1990-91,

(e) whether there is any delay in implementation of tube-wells in the States; and

(f) if so, the reasons thereof and the action proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Energy Conservation Movement

6202. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the energy conservation movement launched last year has not been able to gain much momentum;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have taken any steps to persuade major power consumer to save power and also follow a disci-

pline for better management of the available energy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). No Sir. The energy conservation movement launched last year is multipronged activity which involves creating awareness in various sectors of economy as well as the supply utilities to adopt energy efficient practices in their own interest and also to provide necessary services to facilitate energy management at unit level. The movement is gaining momentum and has resulted in increased awareness among energy consumers. A recent study conducted on energy conservation campaign confirms this finding.

(c) and (d). The Government has initiated steps including demonstration projects, energy audit and awareness campaign to educate the target groups in various sectors of economy specially the major power consuming sectors for industry and agriculture about the need and importance of energy conservation. These measures also include creation of demand for energy conservation investment and provisions of financial incentives and disincentive. A National Energy Conservation Award has been instituted to motivate competitive improvement in energy efficient performance of industrial units.

Performance of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

6203. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the occurrences of technical deficiencies in the various units in the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant have badly af-

fected the expected sales turn over during 1991-92;

(b) if so, the details of technical deficiencies and the losses suffered alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to prevent such occurrences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c). The production units under stage-I of VSP were Commissioned sequentially between march, 1990 to October, 1991. These units are still in the process of stabilisation. The management, in consultation with the executing agencies, is taking necessary measures to overcome the problems normally faced during initial stages. Every effort is made to increase the production to the optimum levels.

Operation of Air Taxies

6204. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK:
SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE:
SHRI SHANKERSINGH VAGHELA:
SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:
SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of parties permitted to operate air taxies in the country and the details of applications pending for clearance;

(b) the details of the terms and conditions laid down by the Government for the purpose;